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**Message from Principal**

**WRITER OF THE WEEK**

*I heard the faint sound of leaves rustling in the wind, the chirping of birds and lizards scuttling over rocks.*

Anya Curry (2DP)

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**KEWRIOSITY, KEW PRIMARY & KEW HIGH**

Our Kewriosity program started with a blast last week. For example, our Prep students were engaged in drama, enchanted garden designing, Earth sciences, construction, drawing, craft and exploring animal and dinosaur habitats.

It was also an exciting time for our Senior School students. One of our groups has been given the opportunity to visit Kew High and work with one of their science teachers. Actually I don’t know who was more excited, the students or myself? It was a simple tram ride to the school and then straight into a science lab, white coats and all!

Many thanks to Daryl Bennett and the Kew High team for providing this terrific experience.

**TIGERS VISIT KPS**

What is better than a one point win after the siren? Having members of that same winning team visit the school for a footy clinic that week! On Tuesday we were lucky to have Brett Deledio, Taylor Hunt and Corey Ellis from the Richmond Football Club run a short footy clinic with a selected...
group of Year 4 students. The students had lots of fun and enjoyed the opportunity. You may have even seen us on the news as the club hosted its regular Tuesday press conference on our new oval!

**MICHAEL YMER VISITS AGAIN**

Yesterday maths consultant Michael Ymer visited our school to work with our teachers in our classrooms. This is now the third year our staff have worked with Michael and this continued professional relationship is ensuring our improved maths teaching remains a focus. Michael also presented a maths evening for parents as part of our home school partnership program. The event was well attended and the feedback was very positive.

**PARENT FEEDBACK UPDATE**

Once again thank you to those parents who attended our Community Forum and Meet with the Principal events. The third and final event this term was a morning tea last Monday. The meetings provided a very useful way for parents to have direct input into our school. They also helped me to better understand parent and community expectations, perspectives and perceptions whilst also being able to explain in more detail why we have made some of our decisions and what our future focus will be.

Work on our self-evaluation continues in the lead up to our school review day in Term 4. Later this year we will run other meetings like our Meet with the Principal events. These will have a focus on further developing a shared vision for our school.

**LAP-A-THON**

The excitement is building as we look forward to our PTA Lap-a-thon on June 3rd. A flyer outlining the sponsorship process and prizes available has been sent home with all students. A letter with more information will also be sent home shortly. Thank you to Melanie Eades (PTA President) and the team for organising this.

The main fundraising target for this project is to add some additional money towards the completion of the positive play and grassed landscape area. We currently have $30,000 set aside for this project. The design is being discussed at the Buildings & Grounds meeting next week. We hope to commence this during the next school holidays or shortly after. An additional $5,000+ from the lap-a-thon would enable some special elements to be incorporated into the design.

**ENROLMENT 2017 – SCHOOL TOURS – INTEREST IS GROWING!**

I continue to receive lots of positive feedback about our school during the weekly tours. There is certainly a growing perception in our local community that KPS is a great place to grow and learn. I expect that later this year we will reach our 2017 Prep capacity and only be able to accept enrolments within our immediate school zone. If you have a child starting school next year it is vital that you submit an enrolment form now.

**REMINDER CURRICULUM DAY – THURSDAY JUNE 2**

Remember that Thursday June 2nd is a pupil free curriculum day. This day has been approved by School Council based on the availability of the consultants our staff will be working with and because we have our planning weeks in the following week. This means that some of the work we develop on the curriculum day will impact the way we run our Inquiry units in Term 3.

**MATHS EXTENSION PROGRAM UPDATE**

33 of our senior school students started the Maths Olympiad Challenge this week. This is a series of 5 problem solving tests held during Terms 2 and 3. This program operates as part of our overall maths extension programs. The Olympiad program is designed to stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics, to develop flexible problem solving skills and strategies, to foster creativity, ingenuity and intuition and to strengthen the foundation for future studies (sounds like a great vision for KPS!) One of the fun elements is that students participate as individuals within a school team. I will keep you posted about this group as well as some of our other maths extension programs operating in different levels across the school and look forward to highlighting some of their achievements at future assemblies.
NIT BLITZ
I love how some of our class teams promote the idea of having a “Nits Blitz” each week at home. It is a great idea to check your child’s hair for nits each Friday night and treat their scalp if necessary. We need to be constantly vigilant to keep them at bay. In the past we have sent home letters with the students in grades where there has been a case of head lice. We are trialling an alternative way by simply outlining this information in the newsletter.

PTA SOCIAL EVENT @ QPO
Many thanks and well done to our PTA for organising the social function this Friday. Our PTA does a great job not only organising fundraising events for our school, but so much more. This includes coordinating our Parent Rep Program and helping to bring our school community together.

We can all support our PTA and those that volunteer at our school and give their time to organise events through prompt and timely RSVP’s and purchasing tickets via Trybooking by the due date. Unfortunately, in the past we have had parents who have not booked in but arriving at events wishing to pay cash. This places pressure on the organisers and may also mean that others who have bought tickets miss out on things. We all know what it is like organising a party and trying to cater for the right amount of food and drinks. The Trybooking system we use not only makes the collection of money much simpler and time effective, it also assists the organisers to cater for the required numbers who indicate they will be attending.

The PTA has my full support in insisting that tickets for events are purchased by the advertised time and to refuse entry or participation to anyone who arrives on the day without one. This continues to be a culture shift for our school, but it is in the best interests of all those that assist and give up their time to make our school a great place to be.

PAYMENTS FOR TERM EXCURSIONS
The date for Term 2 excursion costs has also now well passed. These events are organised on a user pays basis. If payment is not received your child will not attend events like Inter School Sports as of this Friday. If you have not paid it would be appreciated if this could be sorted promptly.

BOROONDARA NETWORK CONFERENCE
Next week both Robin and I will be attending the Boroondara Network Conference on Wednesday to Friday. This conference is attended by all the Principals and Assistant Principals from DET schools within the Boroondara area. This includes primary, secondary and special schools. During this time Sally Marsh and Andrew Wood will be the Acting Principals. You can look forward to reading their newsletter pages next week!

Be Worthy!
James Penson
Principal

Kew Primary School Blog
A visit to the Museum is not all about history! The Years 3 and 4 students have written a wonderful and creative report on their excursion.

Do you have something you’d like to share on the blog? All contributions are welcome. Please drop me a line at: katrina.w@ozemail.com.au

Katrina Whelen
Message from Assistant Principal

In previous newsletters this term, I have explained some aspects of our new reporting system via Compass and I am extremely pleased to inform you that the staff have given the Leadership Team, very positive feedback about the ease of using this new system. When you as parents, receive your child’s report, your feedback will, of course, be most welcome. A number of parents may be familiar with the Compass system as it is now used very widely in state secondary settings as well as a large number of private schools, a number of which are in the Boroondara Network of schools.

It was very gratifying to see so many parents attend the Michael Ymer maths information evening last night, over 60 parents, in fact. Whilst Michael is most entertaining and incredibly knowledgeable about all things mathematical, the clear message he was giving us all was that maths for kids should be about using their maths knowledge in a real world context to problem solve. Yes, tables need to be taught and are required to be, as stated in the Australian Curriculum but it is the way our students use this knowledge to solve problems that is far more important. It gives them a real reason and understanding of the use of numbers and maths knowledge in the context of everyday life.

Every term all our students who receive funding via the PSD (Program for Students with Disabilities) funding system have an SSG (Student Support Group) meeting with Mr Penson, their class teacher, the aides who work with them as well as myself. Each term, a day is designated for such meetings and for this term it is Wednesday 15th June. During these meetings the students Individual Learning Plan (ILP) is discussed and their learning goals are reviewed and new ones created for the following term. These meetings are vital for our students and parents alike, to not only celebrate their successes but, also to develop goals that are relevant to that student at their very point of need. Not only are our PSD funded students an inspiration to us all but I am so proud of the work our classroom based teacher aides do with them. Each aide has developed a close working relationship, not only with the funded students but also the class teacher, to ensure the best outcomes for them, both socially and emotionally. Thank you to Sally, Susanne, Natalie, Angus, Melissa and Mary for your ongoing commitment to these students.

Robin Grace

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Headlice Notification

A case of headlice in Grade 1 has been reported to the office.

Please check and if necessary treat your child’s hair before returning to school.

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Sick Bay Laundry

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the sickbay laundry.

All that is required is to collect the laundry once a week, wash and dry it and return it to the school.

We will not expect you to launder items that are heavily soiled.

If interested please contact the office.
WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2016!

For more information, visit www.walk.cgm.au
Program Update

It’s been a big week here at OSHClub!
We have got two new big whiteboards along with a few new things for the room which the children have been excitedly opening and starting to use.
We have been continuing with our routine of playing a group game for the first hour which the children have been voting on including big games of the colour run, sardines and capture the flag.
These three games focus on team work, initiative and leadership.
Team work and leadership is given a special space as the children get into team huddles in Capture the Flag to discuss strategies they want to you in the game and roles certain people are given.
In each game special roles are given to different children each game to give them an opportunity to develop leadership skills.

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0400 394 489
Coordinator: Harriet Cousins-Palmer
Assistants: Niki, Lauren
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Thank You to **Pet Stock, Hawthorn** for their kind donation of food and supplies for our resident chickens.

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**Glass Street Kindergarten**

**OPEN DAY!**

Saturday 21st May 11am - 1pm

This is a great opportunity for the whole family to come and explore our learning and play spaces.

Children will love the experiences on offer whilst parents & members of the community have the chance to speak with our educational team & current families.

Meet our educational team and explore our learning spaces

3 & 4 year old programs

Celebrating 60 years of Glass Street Kindergarten

16 Glass St, Kew East  P: 8859 6049  W: www.glass-street-kinder.org.au
National Reconciliation Week
Children’s Workshop

The Borroodara Interlath Network invites children, parents and grandparents to an interactive workshop on Aboriginal Creation stories. This fun, family-friendly workshop will be led by an Indigenous Australian artist, and gives children the opportunity to learn about Aboriginal cultures through storytelling and art.

This event is to mark National Reconciliation Week, which celebrates the rich culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Light refreshments will be provided.

Where: 4pm to 5.30pm, Thursday 9 June 2016

Where: Phyllis Irene Room, New Library, On Cotham Road and Civic Drive

Bookings: This is a free event however, bookings are essential. Please contact Traci Nohn, Community Planning and Development on 9774 4703 or Traci.Athen@borroodara.vic.gov.au.

We aim to make this event accessible and inclusive to all of the community. If you would like to attend this event and have language, access or dietary needs, please contact 9774 4703 by Thursday 2 June 2016 and we will do our best to accommodate you.

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